

# Letter: Curtzwiler admits mistake

**Publisher's note:** *The name of the group is actually Tahoe Regional Young Professionals.*

To the community,

Correction to the letter I sent to *LTN*. I stated that Jason Drew is a member of the Tahoe Young Professional Group. That is incorrect, Jason Drew is not nor has been a member of TYPG.

Kenny Curtzwiler, Meyers

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# Letter: Aramark makes amends with customer

**Publisher's note:** *This follows up on the letter from earlier today about a Livermore family's unpleasant experience with the Tahoe Queen, which is owned by Aramark.*

To the community,

I received a very nice phone call from John Kenny, general manager from Aramark, and this follow up email. [See below]

He told us that he knows of the people involved with the situation and it was being addressed and taken care of. He apologized for their behavior and was very sorry about our unfortunate experience. I'm assuming he checked into everything we said, and found it to be true.

We really appreciate that he took the time to check into the

situation and personally called us.

**Anita Pasch**

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**Dear Anita,**

Thank you for taking my call today. I again want to apologize for your experience with us. As we talked about on the phone, please let me know when you will be back in Lake Tahoe and we will set you up with a nights lodging at Zephyr Cove Resort and also Champagne Dinner & Dance Cruise tickets aboard the MS Dixie II.

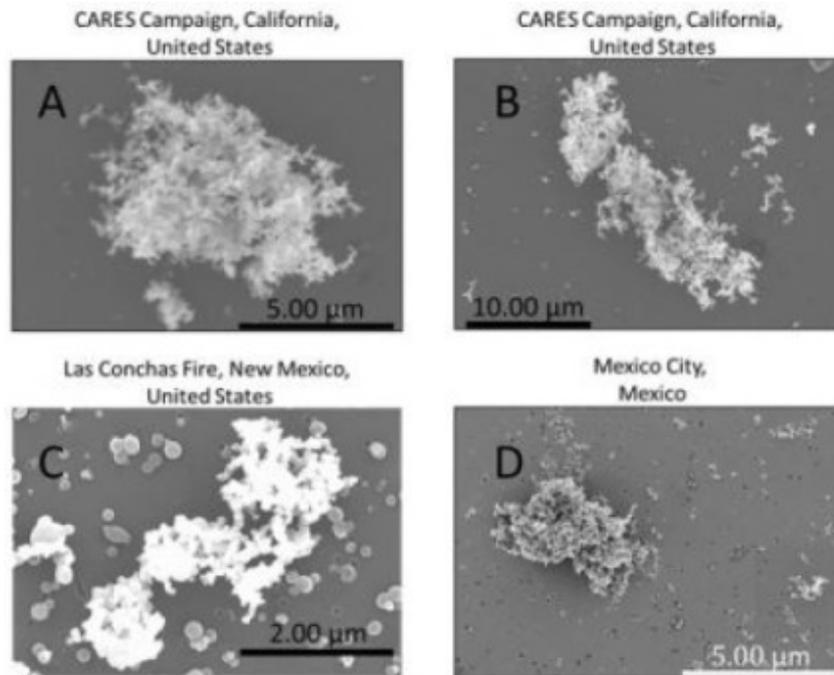
Again, please accept my apology.

Sincerely,

**John Kenny, Aramark general manager**

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**Scientists linking wildfire  
soot, climate change**



These images show typical soot superaggregates observed with an electron microscope in wildfire smoke samples collected from three fires in Northern California, New Mexico and Mexico City. Photos/Desert Research Institute

### By Science Daily

Every year, wildfires clear millions of hectares of land and emit about 34 percent of global soot mass into the atmosphere. In certain regions, such as Southeast Asia and Russia, these fires can contribute as much as 63 percent of regional soot mass.

In a paper published in Nature Scientific Reports, a team of scientists led by Rajan Chakrabarty from Reno's Desert Research Institute report the observation of a previously unrecognized form of soot particle, identified by the authors as "superaggregates," from wildfire emissions.

These newly identified particles were detected in smoke plumes from wildfires in Northern California, New Mexico, Mexico City, and India.

For several decades, scientists have been trying to quantitatively assess the impacts of wildfire soot particles on climate change and human health. However, due to the unpredictability of wildfire occurrences and the extreme difficulty in sampling smoke plumes in real-time, accurate knowledge of wildfire-emitted soot physical and optical properties has eluded the scientific community.

**Read the whole story**

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## **ZCTC hosting doubles mixer**

Zephyr Cove Tennis Club is going Hawaiian with its Aloha Hump Day mixer on Aug. 6.

The best dressed will win a prize.

Play starts at 5:30pm. The doubles mixer is for adult players of all abilities.

Cost is \$10 for club members, \$15 for non-members, and \$5 for spectators (meal only). The price includes a barbecue, raffle prizes and lots of tennis.

Participants are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert, as well as beverage of choice that does not come in a glass container. No advance sign-up is required.

Zephyr Cove Tennis Club is on Warrior Way off Highway 50 in Zephyr Cove.

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# Money missing from EDC Animal Services

Placerville police are looking into what happened to \$3,800 that went missing from the El Dorado County Animal Services.

The Board of Supervisors on July 22 will be discussing the missing money.

On May 28 staff from Animal Services discovered a deposit envelope with \$3,800 wasn't where it was supposed to be. And it was never found.

The board report says, "It was determined staff who were handling receipts were not following proper procedures, and since the incident a corrective action plan has been implemented. The corrective action includes staff following appropriate procedures, and having a fiscal staff member pick up the deposits daily from Animal Services to ensure timely deposits are made. Additional corrective actions may be taken depending on the outcome of the criminal investigation by the Placerville Police Department."

Letters have been sent to the people who wrote checks asking them to send another one.

It is a board item because the department is asking "the board [to] forgive the loss of revenue and discharge (Health and Human Services Agency) from accountability for the lost revenue."

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*

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# Overheating a problem for dogs

By Timothy B. Hackett, Denver Post

On a typical summer day it likely feels much hotter for many dogs.

In fact, heat-related illness is one of the most common preventable causes of multiple-organ failure in dogs.

Consider a few basics about canine physiology: Unlike humans, dogs don't sweat to regulate body temperature. Panting is the main mechanism for evaporative cooling of the body. A dog's long nose also helps to cool air and regulate temperature.

But heat easily overpowers these functions, especially if a dog is sick, older or otherwise less able to effectively regulate body temperature.

And dogs, being dogs, rarely resist a chance to hike, run, fetch and play, even if this exercise leads to overheating.

This means owners must be attuned to the hazards of heat for their pets, beyond never leaving them in cars in the summer heat.

**[Read the whole story](#)**

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# Tahoe CCC member headed for Australia

A California Conservation Corps member from Meyers is one of nine in the state to be selected for the 2014 work exchange with Conservation Volunteers Australia.



Julia Predmore

Julia Predmore, 23, has been with the CCC's Tahoe Center since January.

The CCC contingent will leave Aug. 20 for Melbourne to work in the states of Victoria and Queensland until Oct. 17. Projects will likely include tree planting, non-native plant removal and habitat protection for several endangered marsupials.

A group of Australians is expected to visit in November to work in California at several CCC locations.

CCC participants pay their own airfare; room and board is deducted from their Corps salaries

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# Experts: Calif. drought will only get worse

By Veronica Rocha, Los Angeles Times

California is probably headed into a deeper drought this summer, making it harder to escape in the future, an expert says.

With more than 80 percent of the state in an extreme drought, dry conditions will probably continue and won't improve much in the next few months, said climatologist Brian Fuchs of the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska.

New National Weather Service data show that more than 80 percent of California is now in an extreme drought.

The prolonged statewide drought means it will be "harder to break the cycle," much like some thirsty regions in Oklahoma and the entire state of Texas, which have been struggling with drought since 2010, he said.

A U.S. Drought Monitor map released Thursday showed 81 percent of California in the category of extreme drought or worse, up from 78 percent. Three months ago, it was 68 percent.

**[Read the whole story](#)**

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## Woman rescued in ATV accident

# at Donner Summit

By Ben Deci, Fox-40

“Take up slack,” directs the voice over the radio. “OK. Clear to lift.”

These are the words of Officer Paramedic Matt Calcutt of CHP Helicopter H-20 stationed at Auburn airport.

It’s Sunday about 2pm, and Calcutt is attempting to pluck a woman off Donner Summit.

The 47-year-old woman in the basket at the end of his rope is from Fair Oaks, and she’s hurt. Her ATV slipped off-trail and she tumbled 50 to 100 feet downhill.

**Read the whole story**

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## Lightning ignites 4 small forest fires in Tahoe

Lightning on Sunday caused four small fires in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

U.S. Forest Service crews are responding this morning.

“They all either involve a single tree or a small fire on the ground,” USFS spokeswoman Lisa Herron told *Lake Tahoe News*.

None is larger than 10 feet by 10 feet.

One is at the top of Gunbarrel at Heavenly Mountain Resort, one is in the Gondola Fire scar area and two are in the

roadless area near Logan Creek.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*